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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF FRENCH PRISONERS BY GUINEA

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1. QUAI SOURCE HAS ALSO INFORMED US THAT FOUR PRISONERS WITH DUAL NATIONALITY ARE STILL BEING HELD IN GUINEA. LE MONDE OF JULY 17 LISTS THEM AS EDOUARD LAMBIN, ELIE HAYECK, SADIBOU TOURE SEKOU AND MGR. RAYMOND TCHIDIMBO. ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATION OF FAMILIES OF FRENCH POLITICAL PRISONERS IN GUINEA, THE FOUR WILL PROBABLY BE RELEASED IN A FEW WEEKS.

2. MOST PARIS PAPERS HAVE CARRIED STRAIGHT STORIES ABOUT THE FRENCHMEN'S RELEASE, MENTIONING THEIR RELUCTANCE TO TALK TO THE PRESS. LE MONDE QUOTED ONE ANONYMOUS EX-PRISONER AS SAYING THAT THE FOUR AND A HALF YEARS WERE PAINFUL, THAT PRISONERS WERE FIRST ISOLATED IN PRISON AND THEN AFTER 6 OR 8 MONTHS, GROUPED TOGETHER, AND THAT REAL IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS BEGAN MAY 1, 1974. (IN JULY 18 NUMBER, LE MONDE SPECULATES THAT PM BEAVOGUI EN ROUTE OAU SUMMIT AT KAMPALA WILL HEAD GUINEAN MISSION FRENCH EXPECT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO COME TO FRANCE.)

3. FRANCE SOIR AND FIGARO CARRIED PICTURES OF RETURN-
ING PRISONER EMBRACING FAMILY. LATTER HIGHLIGHTED
GISCARD'S ROLE IN SECURING RELEASE. HUMANITE HEAD-
LINED BACKGROUNDER ON FRANCO-GUINEAN RELATIONS BY
"THE RIGHT TO REAL INDEPENDENCE HAS FINALLY TRIUMPHED"
AND NOTED THAT ONE OF THOSE FREED IS "COMRADE" LOUIS
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